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September 25, 1941

TO SHEAFFER DEALERS:

PLEASE REFER YOUR REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WRITER

The new tax bill becomes effective October 1, 1941. Fortunately, most fountain pens are exempted from the new retail sales tax, but pencils (except chrome-trimmed models) and desk set bases (except certain reservoir bases) are not. It becomes the duty of the retailer to collect the tax from the customer, make monthly returns and pay the tax at the time of filing each return.

Our legal counsel, after thorough study of the tax bill, has furnished us an opinion of how the tax affects merchandise manufactured by us. We are attaching a reproduction of this opinion. We, of course, cannot assume any responsibility for this opinion or guarantee that it accurately in all respects anticipates the Treasury's rulings. We are offering it to you in a spirit of helpfulness prior to issuance of formal Treasury Department regulations which may not be available before October 1.

So that you can establish to the satisfaction of the taxing authorities that you have collected the proper tax, we recommend that on your sales slips or cash register receipts you follow a system of separate pricing when recording the sale of a pen and pencil ensemble containing a taxable pencil or a fountain pen desk set containing a taxable base. To provide a guide for establishing such a system in your store October 1, we have taken the 1941 Sheaffer catalog, No. E88, page by page and outlined the tax applicable to the merchandise listed on each page. We have also provided sample break-downs of separate pricing when the tax applies to only a part of an ensemble or desk set.

This outline is attached. It will be helpful, we believe, if you place it inside the cover of your Sheaffer catalog for handy reference.

May we suggest that this material be placed immediately in the hands of the one in your establishment who is responsible for the pen department

Sincerely.

President

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# SUGGESTED METHOD OF KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR SALES

# OF SHEAFFER MERCHANDISE FOR TAX PURPOSES

Note: Under the terms of the new tax bill which becomes effective Oct. 1, 1941, certain items of the Sheaffer line are taxable while others are exempt. The tax rate, when it applies, is 10% of the retail sales price, and is to be collected by the retailer from the customer. The following is submitted by the W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. without obligation, solely in a spirit of helpfulness to the retailer prior to issuance of definite rulings by the Treasury Department. It will be easier to account for the tax if you will make out your sales slips or cash register receipts according to the following method, separating the taxable from the non-taxable items when both are sold at the same time.

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### SKYBOY ENSEMBLE

Pen \$10.00 Pencil \$4.00 Tax .40

Total \$14.40

### TUCKAWAY ENSEMBLE

Pen (if sold singly) \$12.00
Pen (if sold at same time as pencil) 11.75
Pencil \$5.00
Tax .50
\$5.50
Total \$17.25

Note: The list price of the Tuckaway Ensemble is \$16.75 -- 25¢ less than the combined prices of pen and pencil if sold separately. The tax applies to the retail price of the pencil. The billing suggested above is not to be construed as a cut price on the pen, nor are pens sold singly to be sold at the \$11.75 price. We suggest this breakdown for tax purposes when the Fair Trade price of \$16.75 is obtained for the complete ensemble.

### 14-K TUCKAWAY MASTERPIECE

Pen \$40.00 (Probably taxable - see attorney's opinion.)
Tax 4.00
\$44.00

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### VALIANT ENSEMBLE

Pen \$10.00	Pencil Tex	\$4.00 .40 \$4.40	Total	\$14.40
VIGILANT ENSEMBLE				
Pen \$8.75	Pencil Tax	\$4.00 .40 \$4.40	Total	\$13 <b>.</b> 15

### DEFENDER ENSEMBLE

Pen \$5.00

Pencil \$4.00 Tax .40 \$4.40

Total \$9.40

### COMMANDANT ENSEMBLE

Pen (if sold singly) \$4.00 Pen (if sold at same

time as pencil)

3.00

Pencil \$3.00 Tax .30

\$3.30

Total \$6.30

Note: The price of the Commandant pen sold singly is \$4.00 and of the pencil is \$3.00, but the Fair Trade price of the ensemble is \$6.00. We suggest this breakdown for tax purposes only. The \$3.00 billing for the pen if sold at the same time as the pencil is not to be construed as a cut price on the pen nor are pens sold singly to be sold at this price.

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All pens shown on this page are exempt from tax. All pencils listed are subject to tax of 10% of the retail price.

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PREMIER ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

Pen \$10.00

Pencil Tax

\$5.00

\$5.50

Total \$15.50

STATESMAN ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

Pen \$10.00

Pencil

\$4.00

Tax

•40

\$4.40

Total \$14.40

ADMIRAL ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

Pen \$5.00

Pencil \$4.00

Tax

•40

\$4.40

Total \$9.40

HERITAGE ENSEMBLE

Pen \$20.00

Pencil \$15.00

Tax

 $\frac{1.50}{$16.50}$ 

Total \$36.50

### EXCELLENCE ENSEMBLE

Pen \$20.00 Pencil \$15.00 Tax 1.50

\$16.50 Total \$36.50

VICEROY ENSEMBLE

Pen \$16.50 Pencil \$8.50 Tax .85 \$9.35

Total \$25.85

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All pens listed on this page are not subject to tax. All pencils are subject to tax of 10% of the retail price, except chrome-trimmed gray pearl models.

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SOVEREIGN ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

Pen \$8.75

Pencil \$4.00 Tax .40 \$4.40

Total \$13.15

MILADY ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

Pen \$5.00

Pencil \$3.50
Tax .35

Total \$8.85

LADY SHEAFFER ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

Pen \$8.75

Pencil \$3.50 Tax .35 \$3.85

Total \$12.60

LADY AUTOGRAPH ENSEMBLE

Pen \$18.00

Pencil \$12.00 Tax 1.20 \$13.20

Total \$31.20

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All pens listed on this page are not subject to tax. All pencils are subject to tax of 10% of the retail price, except chrome-trimmed gray pearl models.

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Note: The Craftsman and Miss Universe ensembles listed on this page carry list prices which are less than the combined list prices of pens and pencils sold

singly. The breakdowns below are recommended for tax purposes only, but the prices shown in the breakdowns for the pens are not to be construed as cut prices, nor are pens sold singly to be sold at these prices. The 10% tax applies to the retail sales price of the pencil in the ensemble the same as if sold singly. The pens are exempt. Junior Ensembles are non-taxable because of chrome trimming on pencils.

### CRAFTSMAN ENSELBLE

Pe Pe	on (if sold on (if sold)	singly)	\$3.50		·			
,	time as		2.00	Pencil Tax	\$3.00 .30 \$3.30		Total	\$5.30
MISS U	IVERSE ENSE	MBLE						<b>V</b> 0.00
Pe Pe	n (if sold a	singly)						
	time as 1	pencil)	2.50	Pencil Tax	\$2.50 .25	· 		
					\$2.75		Total	\$5.25

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All pens listed on this page are not subject to tax. All pencils except chrometrimmed gray pearl models and Junior models are subject to tax of 10% of the retail price.

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14-K MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE*	Tax Total	\$125.00 12.50 \$137.50		
14-K LADY MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE*	Tax Total	\$100.00 10.00 \$110.00		
14-K CREST MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE*	Tax Total	\$ 60.00 6.00 \$ 66.00		
14-K LADY CREST MASTERPIECE ENSEMB	LE* Tax Total	\$ 50.00 5.00 \$ 55.00		
CREST ENSEMBLE Pen \$13.75	Pencil Tax	\$ 6.00 .60 \$ 6.60	Total	\$20.35

<sup>\*</sup> Both pen and pencil may be taxable -- see attorney's opinion.

LADY CREST ENSEMBLE Pen \$12.75	Pencil Tax	\$ 5.00	tions come trust the find
			Total \$18.25
14-K HONOR MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE*	Tax Total	\$150.00 15.00 \$165.00	* * *
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14-K HONOR LADY MASTERPIECE ENSEMB	LE*	\$125.00 12.50 \$137.50	
14-K CREST HONOR MASTERPIECE ENSEM			
14-K HONOR CREST LADY MASTERPIECE P	Tax	\$ 65.00 6.50 \$ 71.50	ು ಕಲ್ಗಣ್ಟ - 5 ಹಾಗಾಗಿಗಳ - ಮಾಗಿತುಕಾವಣಿತ

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All Masterpiece pens listed on this page may be subject to tax of 10% of the retail price (see attorney's opinion). All pens not listed as "Masterpiece" are exempt from the tax. All pencils are subject to the 10% tax.

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Reservoir desk sets No. DO18, DO69, DO48 and DO79 are probably subject to the tax of 10% of the retail price.

Sets No. D038 and D058 contain pens which are probably taxable, but the bases are not.

No. D038	Pen \$8.00 Tax .80	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	No. D058	Pen \$8.00
	Base 4.50		,	Base 42.00
	Total\$13.30		÷ *	Total \$50.80

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Note: The rule to follow on Sheaffer Dry-Proof Desk Sets is to apply the tax against the list price shown by the label on the bottom of the base for the base only, except in the case of all desk sets sold with the Autograph desk pen which has a genuine 14-K gold band — in which case the entire set is subject to tax. The following breakdowns are suggested for your convenience:

<sup>\*</sup> Both pen and pencil may be taxable -- see attorney's opinion.

All "F" line desk sets carry a base only price of \$2.50.

Example: No. F263 Pen \$2.50 (If sold singly, \$3.00)

Base 2.50

Tax .25

Total \$5.25

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All "G" line desk sets carry a base only price of \$3.00, and the "H" line of \$4.50. Chrome-trimmed base and socket No. Hll3 is non-taxable.

Examples: No. G395 Pen \$4.50 (If sold singly, \$5.00) : Base 3.00 Tax •30 \$7.80 No. H093 Pen \$3.00 Base 4.50 Tax .45 \$7.95

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All "M" line desk sets carry a base only price of \$3.50 and the "K" line of \$7.50.

Examples: No. M548

Pen \$6.50 (If sold singly, \$8.00)

Base 3.50

Tax .35

Total \$10.35

No. K133

Pen \$ 2.50 (If sold singly, \$3.00)

Base 7.50

Tax .75

Total \$10.75

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All "N" line desk sets carry a base only price of \$6.00.

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Example: No. N468

Pen \$6.50 (If sold singly, \$8.00)

Base 6.00

Tax .60

Total \$13.10

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All "R" line desk sets carry a base only price of \$8.50.

Example: No. R378 Pen \$6.50 (If sold singly, \$8.00)

Base 8.50

Tax .85

Total \$15.35

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                        Nos. S388, S348, S378 and S318: Nos. S289 and S399:
                                         Pen $ 6.50 (If sold singly, $8.00)
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                                         Base 13.50
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Tax .65
Total $20.65
                                         Tax 1.35
                                         Total $21.35
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                       Nos. T230, T160 and T220:
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   : None
                                       Pens $14.00 (If sold separately,
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                                       Base
                                                              13.00 $16.00)
                                                                                                                                                                                  Base 16.50 $16.00)
                                                                                                                                             Tax 1.00
Total $31.65
                                 Tax
                                                               1.30
                                       Total $28.50
                     No. V430
                                Pens $13.50 (If sold separately,
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                                                         18.50 $16.00)
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Tax 1.15
                                     Tex
                                                             1.85
                                  Total $33.85
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                    No. V409-582
                                                                                                                                                         No. V409
                                     Pens $13.50 (If sold separately,
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                                    Base 61.50 $16.00)
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Tax 3.65
                                                           6.15
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                                    Total $81.15
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                  No. V339-581
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                                   Pens $13.50 (If sold separately,
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                                  Pens $15.50 (11 516.00)

Base 46.50 $16.00)
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Tax 2.65
                                   Tex 4.00
Total $64.65
Total $42.65
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            No. 7379
                                                                                                                                                         No. V420
                                  Pens $13.50 (If sold separately,
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                                   Base 61.50
                                                                                                   $16.00)
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                                  Tax
                                                         6.15
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                                  Total 381.15
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                No. R388
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                                Non-texable because
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                                 chrome-trimmed.
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Total \$119.65

No. V459-575-576

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\$13.50 (If sold separately, Ash tray15.00 \$16.00) Base 0196.50110 3240 O Tax 9.65 Total \$134.65

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Pens \$13.50 (If sold separately, Base 51.50 \$16.00) 1.3 Tax 2 5.15 3 6 Total \$70.15

No. F503

No. N328

\$ 2.50 (If sold separately, Base 2.50 \$3.00) •25 Tax 190-001 00.01 0000

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No. S368

NO.1 \$ 6.50 (If sold separately, Pen 13.50 \$8.00) Base Tax 1.35 

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All pencils shown on this page are subject to tax of 10% of the retail price.

Example: No. GE \$1.00 POIN , en Tax .10 Total Pears \$15.30 (15 soid separately,

### WASP AND WASP CLIPPER MERCHANDISE my drawn and

(Manufactured by the Wasp Pen Company, Inc., Division of Sheaffer Pen) 178

Note: The tax applies to this line in the same manner as to the Sheaffer line. Pens are exempt; pencils and desk set bases (unless chrome-trimmed which are exempt from tax) are subject to tax of 10% of the retail price. For your convenience, we list recommended breakdowns for tax purposes of matched sets and desk sets. In the case of matched pen and pencil sets, the total of the pieces purchased separately exceeds the price for the complete set; therefore, the prices for pens in the breakdowns below are less than their list prices, and are not to be confused with list or regular selling prices of the pens if sold singly. We have applied the tax to the label prices of the pencils as being the maximum tax which we feel the Treasury Department can assess.

## WASP ADDIPOINT \$1.75 PEN AND PENCIL SET

Pen \$0.75

Pencil \$1.00 Tax

.10 \$1.10

Total \$1.85

### WASP \$1.95 PEN AND PENCIL SET

Pen \$0.95

Pencil \$1.00

Tax .10

\$1.10 Total \$2.05

WASP CLIPPER \$2.95 PEN AND PENCIL SET (Except chrome-trimmed gray model) Pen \$0.95 Pencil \$2.00 Tax .20 \$2.20 Total \$3.15 WASP CLIPPER \$3.95 PEN AND PENCIL SET (Except chrome-trimmed gray model) Pen \$1.95 Pencil \$2.00 Tax .20 \$2.20 Total \$4.15 WASP CLIPPER \$5.00 PEN AND PENCIL SET (Except chrome-trimmed gray model) Pen \$3.00 Pencil \$2.00 Tax \$2.20 Total \$5.20 WASP CLIPPER \$7.50 PEN AND PENCIL SET (Except chrome-trimned gray model) Pen \$5.00 Pencil \$2.50 Tax \$2.75 Total \$7.75 WASP CLIPPER DESK SETS No. 472 Nos. 476, 477, 480 and 481 (Chrome-trimmed, Pen \$1.00 therefore exempt.) Base 1.95 Tax : Total \$3.15 Nos. 478, 482, 483, 484 and 485 No. 474 Pen \$1.25 Pen \$1.50 Base 2.70 Base 3.50 Tax .27 Tax **.**35 Total \$4.22 Total \$5.35 No. 486 No. 487 Pen \$1.50 Pen \$3.00 Base 6.00 Base 7.00 Tax •60 Tax .70 Total \$8.10 Total \$10.70

W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company, Fort Madison, Iowa

# SHEAFFER'S REPAIR PARTS PRICES

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LIST PRICES SHOWN Autograph Desk Pencil \$13.50 Label \$13.00 List Socket and together SLD-5 U. Joint \$2.00 \$5.00 3.00 1.00 (For Lever Pens 10c) SAN FRANCISCO \$15.00 Label \$14.50 List Complete Cap Autograph Pen Gaps \$12.75, except Vicercy Gap-\$7.25, (Paris cept for Ecollence Autograph same as for Premier except for Complete Cap charges.) Desk Pen No. 75D \$4.40 8.40 L only •40 80 no quill \$5.00 Desk Pencil \$ .50 3.00 .75 SLD Desk Pen For Prices on Other, Older Model, Parts, write to: Above prices quoted for barrel only \$8.00 No. 74D \$4.40 •40 80 2.90 W. A. SHEAFFER PEN \$ .50 Gold-Filled ဖံ \$15.00 Label \$8.50 Label \$14.50 List \$8.00 List Autograph 5.75 Gold-Filled Clip Dry-Proof Sockets-51.00 Viceroy LTC-6 1.00 1.00 FORT MADISON, IOWA Desk Pen \$5.00 No. 6D \$2.00 L only 25 .40 80 2.40 All Styles Heritage Excellence Autograph SLT5 & LTC5 4. Complete Cap \$2.50 1.50 1.50 10.50 5. Assembled Barrel for Vacuum Pen Desk Pen CHICAGO \$3.00 L only \$1.25 20 1.35 20 .50 YBT-L \$6.00 Crest \$ .65 3.85 1.00 1.25 Universal Joint for Desk Set Socket-\$1.00 \*Also Skyboy. Valiant. Vigilant. Defender \$13.75 \$4.40 Crest 1,25 3.40 40 5.75 Lady Crest YBV-L \$5.00 \$ .65 8 1.25 3.50 Lady Crest (Specify FINELIME or Regular) \$12.75 \$4.00 L only .35 3,15 5.50 Premier NEW YORK \$5.00 \$ .50 1.50 SLT 1.25 2.00 Premier V or L \$10,00 \$5.00 40 3.05 5. 2.90 2.75 States. Sov. Admiral See below# \$4.00 \$ .50 1.00 1.00 1.85 LTC Quills for Desk Pen or Pencil-.40 (Except No. 3 Pen-.25) Statesman \$10.00 Assembled Barrel for Lever Pen Valiant \$4.40 Skyboy .40 .70 2.90 3,05 2.75 Admiral (Short Length) Milady LVC & LVF \$4.50 \$4.00 AUTOGRAPH \$3.50 \$ .50 1.00 1.75 8 BANDS Mechanism Sovereign Lady Sheaffer Lady Skyboy Vigilant \$8.75 \$4.00 Pen Pencil 35 2.70 55 2.45 2.45 Craftsman \$3.00 LTAC \$ .50 90 1.00 1.50 ကံ Defender V or L \$5.00 Admira \$2.00 Milady .40 25 .35 1.60 2.05 1.85 Miss Universe (For Pens and Pencils without Clips) LVAC & LVAR \$3.00 \$2.50 8 \$ .50 .75 1.00 1.25 Miss Universe \$3.50 V or L Craftsman \$1.25 .20 20 30 1.40 1.85 1.40 4 LVAC-X Junior \$2.00 Autograph Rings \$ .25 1.00 .75 \$1.00 Balance Rings Barrel All Vacuum Pen Long-Short Barrel Caps-25c \$2.75 \$1.25 Junior 20 20 1.30 8 1.85 90 V or Section CLICKER "In Working Togs" .70 Complete-Clip Gold .15 Cap and Eraser \$1.00 \$ .20 .35 oi 3 က် V (vacuum) or L (lever) "In Work-LE--Propei Assembled Barrel for Vacuum Pens \$1.00 \$ .20 .20 9. 40 4. Assembled Barrel for Lever Pens Balance Pencils LE Pencil Oversize Pencils Same price for LJ (push type) Fineline pencil craser PENS, PENCILS AND DESK SETS 1. Tip Old Gold Point Allowance Feed Pen Price 9. All ERASERS 5c Each (Not Actual Size) Mechanism (Specify FINELINE or Regular) Name Pencil Price 喜品 All Plunger Assemblies લં Printed in U. S. A. 2-41 Symbol Name Complete Cap Complete Cap Nib (Point) PENS Section 1. Nib Feed Barrel Tip